

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1606
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ASTRO TURF FOR HOCKEY PLAYERS BY SAI
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Sports Authority of India (SAI) has granted approval for laying of twenty new astro turfs to provide better facilities to the young hockey players;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (DR. M. S. GILL)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. At 9 centres, work of laying new Astro Turf has already commenced. For 11 more centres, Sports Authority of India has accorded 'In principle' approval. Details are annexed.